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Leonard Leo, who heads the **U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom**, says President Obama should use the opportunity to make clear to that until China eliminates policies that repress human rights, there will not be as productive a relationship as there could be on other bilateral issues.

"We all know there has been some ambiguity regarding the Obama administration's treatment of human rights in the broader agenda with China," he said. "This trip by the president is an opportunity to set that record straight."

In a letter to President Obama in advance of his departure for Asia, the **Commission on International Religious Freedom** urges him to make a strong public statement about the importance of human rights to the future of U.S.-China relations, and also urges him to meet with human rights lawyers and defenders.